

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 to 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A multipoint lock comprising:

a locking mechanism adapted to selectively retract and extend at least one locking element relative to an elongate housing,

wherein said locking mechanism comprises an arm pivotally attached to a lock actuator and constrained to travel in a channel formed in a linkage device linked to said at least one locking element, wherein said channel comprises at least two terminuses extending from and generally perpendicular to said channel at which said arm is in a locked position and said at least one locking element is at an extended position protruding out of said elongate housing, and wherein said at least one locking element extends further out of said elongate housing with said arm at one of the terminuses than at another

of the terminuses, wherein the terminuses of said channel comprise an inner terminus, at least one intermediate terminus and an outer terminus, said outer terminus being closer to an end of said elongate housing than said inner terminus, and wherein said channel is a continuously straight channel from said inner terminus to said outer terminus and said at least one intermediate terminus is generally perpendicular to said continuously straight channel.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The multipoint lock according to claim 87, further comprising a blocking element attached to said linkage device, said blocking element comprising a first position in which said blocking element permits said arm to travel between said inner terminus and said at least one intermediate terminus, and blocks travel of said arm beyond said at least one intermediate terminus to said outer terminus.

10. (Original) The multipoint lock according to claim 9, wherein said blocking element comprises a second position in which said blocking element permits said arm to travel between said inner terminus and said outer terminus, and blocks travel of said arm between said inner terminus and said at least one intermediate terminus.

11. (Previously Presented) The multipoint lock according to claim 7, wherein said arm is geometrically locked at a position along said channel.

12. (Previously Presented) The multipoint lock according to claim 7, wherein said arm is geometrically locked at least one of said terminuses.